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### Overview

Generally, MA recipients receiving services in a long-term care facility must contribute most of their income towards the cost of care, but may retain a personal needs allowance. The personal needs allowance is \$95 for 2014 and is adjusted annually for inflation. This bill increases the MA personal needs allowance by the amount of any income garnished for spousal maintenance, plus any administrative fees garnished.

#### Section

- 1 Personal needs allowance.** Amends § 256B.35, subd. 1. Increases the MA personal needs allowance to include income garnished for spousal maintenance under a divorce judgment and decree, and any administrative fees garnished for collection.